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The Council have sent a special letter to Sir Roger Williams, Colonel of the English companies at Dieppe, commending him for the good service performed *by* him and those who served with him in the late encounter with the forces of the Governor of Rouen

THE GALLANT ACTION OF SIR R WILLIAMS

In the beginning of May provisions being scarce in Rouen, two regiments of the enemy had been despatched to the village of Cingcens, to secure such supplies as they could This village, which is nine leagues from Dieppe, they fortified with trenches and barricades, and lest they should be molested from Dieppe a troop of horse was sent out to a wood, two leagues off, covering the highway, so that if any force should come out from Dieppe they might either retire back to give intelligence or by making resistance should give those at Cingcens time to prepare themselves and to procure help from Rouen

When news of this force was brought to the Governor, the Lord Chartres, formerly governor for the King in Malta, and Sir Roger Williams, who had lately arrived, they resolved to set out from Dieppe in the evening of igth May with 400 Frenchmen and 300 English After marching all night they came to the wood early the next morning, where they found the troop of horse waiting to stop their passage On these they made so fierce an assault that all were slain and not one escaped Accordingly, leaving the bodies in the wood and taking some of their horses, the Lord Chartres and Sir Roger Williams marched on,

reaching Cingcens somewhile before noon, and there they descried the enemy with their ensigns displayed within the fort

The Lord Chartres, seeing that the fortification was so strong, declared that it was impossible to enter it, and tried to persuade Sir Roger to go back again, considering that the enemy was two to^ their one But Sir Roger answered that it were a great dishonour to him to so do, and declared that he would set on them with his own three hundred, though, it should cost him and them their lives The Lord Chartres, being much encouraged with